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WOMAN.—BY WILLIS A. CLARK.

Metaphors there is no lovelier sight on earth,
Than gentle Women in her early years;
Before her bright eyes grow dim with secret tears
When life the semblance of a dream hath wear,
Uncolored by misadventure, grief, or guile;
When rich delight breathes in the golden air,
And boundless Fancy weaves a joyous smile.
I have loved down to Woman: a joyous smile,
Who life's workshop is a careless shrine;
But as the heathen bow unto the sun,
Whose rays beam round him—cloudburst—divine
Not like a finger in Fashion's train,
Who smiles and flatters a believing few,
Hallow in heart, reverence, and cold and vain,
Where words are false—the flesh and untrue.
But I am happy, when about my way
These flowers of being ever chance to spring;
To like an hour of dreams where fairies play,
And gentle wild birds dance on glittering wing.
Care is a shadow then, and in my heart
The well springs of deep ecstasy arise;
I feel each scale of loneliness depart,
Like storm clouds melting from the April skies.
Oh, if my prayers might unto Heaven ascend,
'T would be that Woman might be ever blest;
That flowers and sunlight in her path might blend,
And Eden's vision's hush her tranquil rest;
I would that time might bear upon his wing
Untouched brightness for each fleeting day,
And every scene which hope is picturing
Grows clearer as existence wears away.
And as a gift from Heaven to cheer us here,
I could that women when life's hour is done,
Might fade like star-light, when the atmosphere
Is faintly colored by the age's evening sun—
Passing from earth to a more cloudless scene,
Where brighter gems in purer skies are set—
Where ethereal fountains play in pastures green,
Bleeding in fancy's spell, with golden memories yet.

THE BROKEN HEARTED.

I would not that thou wert dead, devoted one,
For thou art all too pure to linger here;
Life's joyous suns to thee are nearly gone,
And sorrow's hand hath made thy being dear.
The girlhood was a pure and endless dream,
And many a sunny hope has thrilled thy breast,
And many an air-borne bubble gift life's stream,
Flashed for a moment—burst, and sunk to rest—
Emblems of youth and loveliness were they,
And, like hope's fairy visions, passed away.
I would that thou wert dead, forsaken girl,
That high pale brow cushioned within the tomb;
For as with gentle winds still waters ebb,
So fades at sorrow's touch thy beauty's bloom—
Thou art too pure and fair for this old earth,
A thing too gentle to long to do ill here,
Thy voice has lost its cadence of mirth,
The glory has departed from thy brow—
And youth's pure bloom has left thy virgin heart,
And beauty like a phantom will depart.
I would that thou wert dead, for life to thee
Is as a broken reed—a withered flower;
Dark shadows rest upon thy destiny,
And a crown of fate and thy fortune's lower—
Wedded to one thy love cannot love,
Banished from him thou dost every thought employ,
Thou art in heart a broken and wounded dove,
And earth to thee can yield no future joys,
Weary passes life and time with future joys,
A dusky shadow darts thy destiny.
I would that thou wert dead, devoted one,
And thy bright spirit disenthralled of clay;
Even as the dew-drop waxes large with the sun,
Thus by disease thy when thou wert a child,
Oh, who that knew thee and heaven's unfolding eye,
With a glad smile and heaven's unfolding eye,
A creature as the snowflake undecided,
With a bright lip and cheek of rosy dye,
Oh! who that knew thee then, my all beloved—
Can gaze upon thee now, with soul unmoved!
I would that thou wert dead, and smelt of
Thy spirit with high elements is fraught,
And that which seeth and cruelly doth,
The lingering stealth of pale disease has wrought—
Yes, death is near thee now sweet Genevieve,
And thou wilt taste to meet him with a smile;
It is in vain thy gentle sisters grieve,
Thy soul will soon flee by each starry isle,
That glitters brightly through the calm blue skies,
Like white lids lifted from pure spirit's eyes.
Thou soon wilt die, sweet martyr, and the earth,
Will nurture gentle flowers above thy grave,
Sweet emblems of thy being and thy birth,
With eypress leaves around thy tomb shall wave—
And when the pensive stranger wanders night,
His lips will with a tributary prayer,
For her who soon must prematurely die,
For her whose seraph form will wander there—
Farewell, sweet Genevieve—a breaking heart.

THOUGHTS ON PUFFERY AND EDITORIALS.

An Editor is an odd creature. He is the
most conspicuous personification of the age.
There is nothing else like him. Robert Owen
has a leaning that way. Fanny Wright shows
up the times a little. But an editor, in partic-

ular, is a full grown, prominent, not-to-be-mis-
taken emblem of the age. He is, at least, the
bodily representative of the press; and, in his
omnipotence, his omnipresence, the far-reach-
ing power of the engine with which he is con-
nected, and from which he derives his impor-
tance, he supersedes and stands in the place of
the holy fathers of the Roman church, or the
emissaries of the inquisition.

What is there on earth so forward and for-
midable, as one of this fraternity? Offend him,
and you will hear of it. Serve him, and you
will one day have occasion to acknowledge his
munificent and potent gratitude, and to con-
gratulate yourself on possessing his favor. He is
not tied down to the rules of ordinary mortality.
He is not a mere man. He must not be treated
like the rest of the commonplace sons of
Adam. Tread on the toe of a baker, a tailor,
a doctor, or a lawyer, and he scowls on you;
peradventure, and, perhaps quarrels with you;
but, when you have settled the affair, by ex-
planation or pugilism, good-by to it, and to all
thoughts of it, for it is ended. But tread on
the toe of an editor—marry come up! you
will hear of it in Alabama.—It will be canvassed
in St. Augustine. You will be hauled over
the coals at Green Bay.—The Chinese will
examine into it. An editor, if a bad man, is a
sort of basilisk. He lies in your path, as dif-
ferent a thing from another man, as a rattlesnake
from a hoop.—He has a sting! Beware of him!

Again, your editor expects to become pos-
sessed of commodities by a short-hand cut.
He goes, of course every where free of expense.
He walks himself, with an air, into museums,
theatres, zoological gardens, concerts, lecture-
rooms and dioramas. The door-keepers, are
all afraid him. They may brush by him, in his
incognito, with their ordinary carelessness;
but, when they find out who he is, it is like
coming upon an emperor in disguise! It is a
bowing Mahometan astounded at finding that
the fellow who has been wrangling with him, is
no other than Haroun Al Raschid, the com-
mander of the faithful.

We have hinted, that an editor does not par-
ticularly like paying for things! If he must
pay, he wishes you to know who he is, that you
can judge whether or not it is for your interest
to let him have the article a shade or so cheap-
er. If you understand him you will be cau-
tious not to press him for a high price. You
had better give him freely, for little or nothing.
Indeed, presenting it to him, out and out, would
do no harm.—You are, perhaps, one of those
literal people who never look beyond their
nostrils? You cannot let the thing go for less
than the fixed price! Unhappy tradesman!—
short-sighted hunter after wealth! Rash, ig-
norant, mistaken man! Knowest thou what it
is thou dost? Beneath that old hat works the
fountain of a million of people's opinions. That
brow although irradiated by no visible halo,
gives law to the public. That hand, its necro-
mantic virtue hidden from thin eyes, trans-
cribes, each passing day, the thoughts and
schemes the actions of twenty hundred times the
number of all thy friends and customers. If
thou couldst please all thy patrons with a few
shillings, wouldst thou not? What handful of
silver dollars dost thou yearly bestow in the
shape of bills for advertisements! And yet
now, dost thou haggle and peddle and hump and
hew, and offend him, the arch magician of those
pages into which thou givest gold to write thy
foolish name? Out on thee! thou art a ruin-
ed man. Wouldst thou have the whole habita-
ble globe against thee? Wouldst thou be
sneered at by the square mile? Wouldst thou
be looked coldly on by whole states and nations?
Wouldst thou have populous cities know thee
only to avoid thee and thy commodities!—
Whither wilt thou fly from the displeasure of
an editor? Thou must set up thy shop beyond
the limits of thy country's language! Thou
must get to Asia. Off with thee to Thibet or
Kamschatka. Tramp. By Mercury! thou art
as good as annihilated—unless, indeed, thou
makest a present to the editor of the article in
question. Ah, there is a chance for thee!—
Despatch one of thy underlings. Counsel him
as to his bearing.—Let him hasten to the ed-
itor's throne. Bid him be respectful and ob-
sequious, bat in hand, head bent knees crooked
eyes lifted reverently, and let him say, thou
hast not the remotest inkling of an idea who he
is, or thou should have begged his accept-
ance, etc. etc.

Editors are certainly the potentates of the
age. The world are afraid of them. Courts
and camps handle them as a boy would a bee!
No one of them ever bearded Mrs. Butler;
and, when the last trump shall have sounded
the end of all things, if there should be any
noise subsequently, it will be the indignant
irrepressible cry of some one of the fraternity
against that charming matron and gifted lady.
An editor is dangerous, because he is not
delighted, merely, but he is the embodied tick-
le, the essence, the tangible representative, of you
know not how many thousand other people.
If you strike him you strike innumerable mil-
lions. If you pull his nose, you have pulled the
hundred thousand noses, women's and children's
included. You have not only pulled the noses
of his subscribers, but of his readers and ad-
mirers.

To resume the first branch of our subject,
puffery. It has grown into a business. It has
its omings, like commerce. It is an innu-
merable series of experiments and speculations.
It is a tacit contract between the puffer and
the puffed, to the effect, that the former
will puff the thing, if the latter will present the
thing puffed. Watch the newspapers, and ob-
serve how they squint that way. An editor
wants a pair of boots. Mark, now, the pro-
ceedings. Behold the experimental para-
graphs:

Mr. Wiggins, No. 50 Bowery, makes the
most uncommonly admirable boots of any man
in town. Other boots are good, but those made
by Mr. Wiggins are peculiarly excellent—per-
fectly brilliant! We learn that he has discov-
ered a new way of preparing leather, so that it
wears three times longer than that in common
use. Mr. Wiggins' boots absolutely last a man
his life time. There is really no wear out to them.

Under these circumstances, what will Mr.
Wiggins do? What can Mr. Wiggins do?—
Mr. Wiggins is fairly penned into a corner.
There is but one way out. It is irresistible—
inevitable. Mr. Wiggins is not constructed of
stone, or any other impenetrable material. He
is flesh and blood. His friends congratulate
him. He smiles and simpers across the coun-
ter. Strangers come in, and ask if this is Mr.
Wiggins' shop!!! saying, that they have seen
an article, etc., and want a pair of those
boots!

Of course, Mr. Editor finds on his table the
next day a note.

My DEAR SIR:—Although I have not the
honor of your personal acquaintance, yet I
take the liberty of addressing you on a subject
which lies near my heart. The liberal and
handsome notice taken by you of my boots,
commands my thanks.—I beg, sir, that you
will call at my shop and accept a pair of the
best my shelves can supply. I am, my dear
sir, very gratefully and respectfully, your ob-
edient humble servant,

RICHARD P. WIGGINS,
Boot and shoe maker, No. 50 Bowery,
Opposite the No. Church.

But this does not end here. Mr. Wiggins,
who keeps the shop opposite to Mr. Wiggins,
has an eye upon matters and things, and says
he can see through a mill-stone, with a hole in
it as well as any other man. He observes what
is going on. He hates Wiggins as he does the
very old Satan. They are rivals of twenty
years standing, and if there is any thing on earth
he despises more than Mr. Wiggins himself, it
is Mr. Wiggins' boots! Mr. Wiggins reads
the paper. He had been a subscriber to it since
the first number. He beholds the puff upon
Mr. Wiggins, and his heart turns itself like a
snake with jealousy. He rumes all the morn-
ing; swears, blows his nose, talks of 'stopping
his paper! scowls at Wiggins through the
window, and contemplates a thousand devices
of vengeance as he sees people crowding in to
buy the boots with 'no wear out to them,' while
his own doors are scarcely darkened by a shadow
from morn till night. At length he swallows
his wrath, and bethinks him of what had best
be done. Mr. Wiggins is no fool, as we have
hinted. To go over and pull Mr. Wiggins'
nose because he has been puffed in the paper,
would be very pleasant, but it would make the
boots, 'with the no wear out to them,' more
talked about and inquired for than ever. Mr.
Wiggins' nose, he felt assured that it would be
the very thing of all others that Mr. Wiggins
would like. It would sell his boots like wild-
fire. It would give him an action for damages.
It would make his fortune. No, no. Mr.
Wiggins knows a trick worth two of that. The
next morning, the editor who, for first time,
mounted the new boots, sits in his office and re-
ceives the following note:

MR. EDITOR.—I have been a subscriber to
your paper for ten years, and am one of its most
constant readers and grateful admirers. You
have also had my advertising patronage. I
lately opened a boot and shoe store in the Bow-
ery. My goods are unequalled by any on earth.
Will you oblige me by calling and allowing me
to fit you with a pair. I wish you to try them.
Do me the favor also to bring Mrs.—, your
lady, and your children.—Nothing would give
me more pleasure than to present your family
with a specimen of my new way of making
boots, shoes, overshoes, slippers, etc. etc. etc.
which have been pronounced, by competent
judges, to exceed every thing ever heard of.

Your obedient servant,
PETER B. HIGGINS,
40 Bowery, sign of the colossal boot.

It is now the editor's turn to cogitate.—He is
in a measure pledged to Mr. Wiggins. But
then Mr. Higgins offers to supply not only him-
self, but his wife, little Bob, Dick, and Sarah.
Ann. He sends his family. They come home
delighted. Boots, shoes, slippers, overshoes,
bless us! there has never been such an uni-
versal ought before, and such awful struts, too!
Even little Dick has a little pair of little over-
shoes. Mr. Peter B. Higgins, the next morn-
ing looks over the paper, and laughs outright.
It is glorious.

Mr. Peter B. Higgins' Boot Store, 40 Bow-
ery. We have been really delighted with a

stroll which we casually (casually!) took the
other day through this gentleman's admirable
boot and shoe store.—For neatness of work-
manship, excellence of materials, closeness of
fit, grace, ease elegance and general beauty, the
shoes and boots of Peter B. Higgins have never
been surpassed. Nay, it is but justice to
say, that they have never been equalled.—
Crowds of eager buyers are every day at his
counter, from the sturdy alderman who walks
heavily with the gout, to the slender belle, and
the light and careless child; all are highly grat-
ified, all well fitted, all go home wondering at
the extraordinary perfection to which lately
this art of clothing the ends of the neither ex-
tremities have been obviously carried. While
Greece boasts her useless parade of sculpture,
and Italy dazzles the world with rare images
of the peccol, let republican America pride her-
self on the useful and substantial arts which
really add to the happiness of mankind, and in-
stead of a Praxiteles or a Raphael, boasts of a
Higgins, who, beneath the star-spangled banner
of our infant country, has carried boot-making
to its ultimate point of excellence and perfec-
tion. We strongly commend public attention
to Mr. Higgins' elegant boot establishment, as
an institution which must not only delight every
philosophic beholder, but where the cheapest
and best boots in the city are to be had ready-
made, of all sizes, and of a durability and ele-
gance which no boot maker in this city has ever
approached.

Imagine the sensations of Mr. Higgins!—Im-
agine those also of Mr. Wiggins!

From the Hartford Times.
Many anecdotes respecting what took place
during the Revolutionary War, have been pub-
lished in some of our newspapers within a few
years past. I recollect one headed "the funeral
of Major John Andre," but it partook more
of fiction than of any thing that actually occur-
ed at his funeral.

It must be well known to you and the public
generally, that Major Andre was taken, tried,
condemned and executed, as a spy from the
British army, at that time stationed in N. York,
October 24, 1780. I was at that time an arti-
ficer in Colonel Jeduthan Baldwin's regiment,
a part of which was stationed within a short dis-
tance of the spot where Andre suffered. One
of our men (I believe his name was Armstrong)
being one of the oldest and best workmen at his
trade in the regiment, was selected to make his
coffin, which he performed, and painted
black,—agreeably to the custom of those
times.

At this time Andre was confined in what was
called a Dutch church, a small stone building,
with only one door, and closely guarded by six
sentinels. When the hour appointed for his ex-
ecution arrived, which I believe was 2 o'clock,
P. M., a guard of three hundred men was pa-
troned at the place of his confinement. A kind
of procession was then formed by placing the
guard in single file on each side of the road.—
In front were a large number of American offi-
cers of high rank, on horseback; these were
followed by the wagon containing Andre's cof-
fin—then a large number of officers on foot,
with Andre in their midst. The procession
moved slowly up a moderately rising hill, I
should think about a fourth of a mile to the
west. On the top was a field without any in-
closure; in this was a very high gallows, made
by setting up two poles or crotches, laying a
pole on the top. The wagon that contained the
coffin was drawn directly under the gallows.—
In a short time Andre stepped into the hind end
of the wagon—then on his coffin—took off his
hat and laid it down—then placed his hands
upon his hips, and walked very uprightly back
and forth, as far as the length of his coffin
would permit, at the same time casting his eyes
upon the pole over his head and the whole sec-
nery by which he was surrounded. He was
dressed in what I should call a complete British
uniform; his coat was of the brightest scarlet,
laced or trimmed with a most beautiful green;
his under clothes, or vest and breeches, were a
bright buff, very similar to those worn by mili-
tary officers in Connecticut at the present day;
he had a long and beautiful head of hair, which
agreeably to the fashion was wound with black
ribbon and hung down his back. All eyes
were upon him, and it is not believed that any
officer in the British army, placed in his situ-
ation, would have appeared better than this un-
fortunate man.

Not many minutes after he took his stand
upon the coffin, the executioner stepped into the
wagon with a halter in his hand, on one end of
which was what the soldiers of those days called
a hangman's knot, which he attempted to
put over the head and around the neck of An-
dre, but by a sudden movement of his hand this
was prevented. Andre then took off the hand-
kerchief from his neck, unbuttoned his shirt col-
lar and deliberately took the end of the halter,
put it over his head, and drew it very snugly
under his right ear, and drew it from his coat pocket
a handkerchief and tied it over his eyes. This
done, the officer that commanded (his name I
have forgotten) spoke in rather a loud voice,
and said that his arms must be tied. Andre at
once pulled down the handkerchief he had just

tied over his eyes, and drew from his pocket a
second one, and gave it to the executioner, and
then replaced his handkerchief. His arms were
tied just above the elbows, and behind his back;
the rope was then made fast to the pole over-
head. The wagon was very suddenly drawn
from under the gallows, which, together with
the length of the rope, gave him a most tremen-
dous swing back and forth, but in a few min-
utes he hung entirely still. During the whole
transaction he appeared to be as little daunted
as Mr. John Rogers, when he was about to be
burnt at the stake; but his countenance was
rather pale. He remained hanging, I should
think, from 20 to 30 minutes, and during that
time the chambers of death were never stiller
than the multitude by which he was surround-
ed. Orders were given to cut the rope and take
him down without letting him fall; this was
done, and his body was carefully laid on the
ground. Shortly after, the guard was with-
drawn, and spectators were permitted to come
forward and view the corpse, but the crowd was
so great that it was some time before I could get
an opportunity.

When I was able to do this, his coat, vest and
breeches were taken off and his body laid in
the coffin, covered by some under clothes—the
top of the coffin was not put on. I viewed the
corpse more carefully than ever I had done
that of any human being before. His head was
very much on one side, in consequence of the
manner in which the halter drew upon his neck.
His face appeared to be greatly swollen and
very black, much resembling a high degree of
mortification; it was indeed a shocking sight
to behold. There were at this time standing
at the foot of the coffin two young men of un-
commonly short stature—I should think not
more than four feet high. Their dress was the
most gaudy that I ever beheld, one of them had
the clothes just taken from Andre hanging on
his arm—I took particular pains to learn who
they were, and was informed that they were
his servants, sent up from New York to take
care of his clothes, but what other business I did
not learn.

I now turned to take a view of the execution-
er, who was still standing by one of the posts of
the gallows. I walked nigh enough to him to
have laid my hand upon his shoulder, and look-
ed him directly in the face. He appeared to be
about twenty-five years of age—his beard of two
or three week's growth, and his whole face
covered with what appeared to be blacking tak-
en from the outside of a greasy pot. A more
frightful looking being I never beheld.—His
whole countenance bespoke him to be a fit in-
strument for the business he had been doing.—
Wishing to see the closing of the whole busi-
ness I remained upon the spot until scarce twenty
persons were left, but the coffin was still be-
hind the grave, which had previously been dug.
I now returned to my tent, with my mind deep-
ly imbued with the shocking scene I had been
called to witness.

Mr. Editor, I was an eye witness to the whole
of the circumstances related above; and should
you think it worthy publishing in your paper,
you will please to act accordingly.

From Lt. Smyth's Journey from Lima to Para, S. A.
Indian Superstition. We are informed that
a whimsical superstitious custom prevails, when
a man is obliged to make a distant journey, and
cannot take his wife with him. In order to as-
certain her constancy during his absence, he
places a quantity of a certain grass in a hole in
the rock—unknown, of course, to the lady—
when he sets out; and if, on his return he finds
it withered, the delinquency of the wife is con-
sidered as proved, and she is severely chastised.
One of these curious tests of conjugal fidelity
was pointed out to us.

Diet. Monkeys seem to be the principal ar-
ticle of their animal food, great numbers of
which we saw hanging up dried in most of the
houses—and they formed no inconsiderable
portion of our food till we reached Sarayacu.
We at first felt some repugnance to this diet,
but habit and necessity got the better of it, and
when accustomed to the meat, we found it by no
means disagreeable.

Curious Web. We saw here a gigantic spi-
der's web suspended to the trees—it was about
twenty-five feet in height, and near fifty in length
—the threads were very strong, and it had the
empty sloughs of thousands of insects hanging
in it. It appears to be the habitation of a great
number of spiders of a larger size than we ever
saw in England.

Indian Astronomy. Their notion of an ec-
lipse has a curious similarity to that of the
Chinese; when the sun is covered by the moon's
disk, they suppose him to be struggling with
some savage beast, and shout to encourage him,
and make all the noise they can, with the view
of frightening his antagonist, and discharge burn-
ing arrows towards him. When the eclipse is
over, the usual course of drinking and dancing
begins, and is kept up the remainder of the day
and the following night.

The appearance of the new moon is hailed
with great joy; they make long addresses to
her, imploring her protection, and that she will
be so good as to invigorate their bodies. Dur-
ing these harangues they throw themselves into
a variety of attitudes and vehement gesticula-
tions.

OXFORD DEMOCRAT.

Paris, July 12, 1836.

REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS. FOR PRESIDENT MARTIN VAN BUREN, of N. York. FOR VICE-PRESIDENT. RICHARD M. JOHNSON, of Kentucky.

EDITORIAL. Our friends who are indebted to us for the Democrat for more than one year, are respectfully requested to settle the same. Our Advertising friends whose accounts are of more than three months standing would confer a favor by advancing the same.

In the passage of the Bill for the distribution of the Surplus revenue, there are something worthy of a passing notice. The opposition to the present administration were in its favor to a man, and the opposition press is loud in its exultation. The friends of a high tariff have triumphed in its passage, and are now loudly flatter themselves that they have thus acquired a new lease of power. These facts of themselves are not very favorable to the character of the Bill, and we hope that the result will not verify our forebodings of evil likely to follow this first attempt to make the States pensioners upon the bounty of the General Government. The speculating imagination of the federal party in this State has already planned the expenditure of the share which will fall to us. Do what they will with it, we doubt whether Oxford will be enriched thereby. We believe that there is virtue enough in the people to resist the temptation of being bribed with their own money, and every enough to protect their own property from the rapacity of those who are interested in keeping up a high tariff.

At the Democratic Convention for the County of Kennebec, held at Augusta on the 4th of July, the following nominations were made, viz:—

For Senators. Hon. Alfred Pierce of Greene, Joseph Stewart of China, and Alpheus Lyon of Waterville.
For County Treasurer. Joseph Gage, Esq. of East Monmouth.

For Register of Deeds. Benjamin Wales, Esq. of Hallowell.

For Elector. Hon. Reuel Williams of Augusta.

At the Waldo District Convention held at Knox on the 30th of June last, Gen. Alfred Marshall of China, was nominated for member of Congress from that District.

We have received the first number of the Maine Monthly Magazine, Published at Portland & Bangor, and edited by Charles Gilman.

From this specimen we think the work will attain its object in being "worthy of support" and "creditable to the State." Those who wish to subscribe may examine the present number at our office.

FOR THE OXFORD DEMOCRAT.

SOMETHING NEW!
MR. EDITOR: As the currency question very much engages the public mind at present, I would ask the indulgence, through your paper, of suggesting a few scattering thoughts.—I am induced to make the following remarks, for this reason.—I lately read from a "Whig paper" that "gold was altogether unfit for currency; some reasons were given why it was so; among them the following:—That business men would realize a greater inconvenience in carrying gold from place to place, than they would paper, to the same value—that gold was more needed for other purposes—that gold was so precious, that "Old Maids, Misers, and Fools," would hide it away in old stockings, wallets, nooks, corners and holes, so that it would not be a part of the available funds of the country." &c. This, I consider as something new. For as far as I am acquainted with the history of the nations of the earth, both ancient and modern, a different opinion has prevailed. In the days of the wise King of the Jews, we are told, "Solomon made gold as plenty in Jerusalem as the dust in the streets, and silver was nothing accounted of in Solomon's days," and though it was used for other purposes, we cannot suppose it was deemed unfit for currency—in fact payments were often made by weighing the pieces of articles in gold. At the present day, there are nations, with which we have commercial intercourse, who much prefer gold, and nothing less valuable than silver is taken in exchange for their merchandise. The nations of Europe have learned much in this respect, within the last sixty years. France, for instance, had her paper currency when Napoleon came into power, but he found it altogether inadequate in carrying on his vast concerns, and at a blow he demolished the whole fabric, substituting a metallic currency for all sums less than five hundred francs (about \$25, 00) and although the government of France has undergone great changes in many respects, in this it remains the same. The experience of England, too, might learn us something, (if we are not too wise to learn.) England once had a paper currency, even down to sixpences, the evil was not realized immediately, but in time, there was a discount on paper. In 1757 there had got to be a discount of 40 per cent on paper. Some of her greatest politicians saw that the evil grew out of a use of small bills for currency. They attempted a reform, and finally succeeded. A party came up, as is the case at present in this country, and talked very wisely and loudly in favor of small paper, affirming that there was not in reality, a discount on paper, but that gold and silver had risen in price, because it was scarce, that it was impossible to obtain it, to supply all purposes less than 5.2 sterling, or even 12. The policy of these wiseacres, however, did not succeed, small bills were suppressed—gold and silver appeared to fill the vacuum, and may still be found in England, even to this day. But, say the "rag money folks," "Those nations whose exports are more than their imports can easily do this, it follows of course—and they cannot help it; but not so with us, we import more than we export, and must of course pay the balance in specie." There is indeed a degree of plausibility in such reasoning, and many seem to think this an unanswerable objection to any attempt at reform; but let us look at it a moment. The time has not been far centuries, when the imports of England exceeded her exports, and yet, we find in the last century, gold and silver coins were "like angels' visits, few and far between," not because her imports were more than her exports, but simply because paper was substituted for specie, and being less valuable, the specie of course disappeared—France was not in a state of peace and prosperity, when Napoleon made a currency reform, but on the other hand was engaged in great and bloody wars; had need of her resources to her last franc; her commerce annoyed by all the neighboring powers, and nearly destroyed; yet the reform was easily effected, and may be in this country if we say so. As to the difficulty of conveying specie about the country, I would say that I have never seen an old decrepid, rheumatic man, who became so, by lugging hard money, nor an old horse the worse for wear by hauling specie. But I have seen many a man mourning his loss in counterfeit bills, broken banks, &c. And many a horse hard driven to get to the bank in season to pay in a check.—Suppose "Old Maids, Misers, and Fools" should, and do, lay away gold against a time

of need, yea, suppose every person in the country, lay away gold according to their ability, still I contend it is a part of the available funds of the country. No person will suffer for the necessities of life, nor will their friends starve, while they have the means, and hoard of means too, to obtain a supply. Therefore the gold, thus laid away, will come up to the help of its owner at a time when most needed, and is, in the highest sense of the word, among the available funds of the country.—In relation to gold coin it is said "the people do not know its value." I am aware, that in this respect, "gross darkness covers the people," and the banking monopoly rejoice that it is so; but it will not long remain so—the people of this country are as intelligent and capable of learning, as in any country, and the time is at hand when they shall all know it, from the least to the greatest." One more objection, "gold goes by weight, a man must have money scales with him, at all times, in order to receive or pay it." This too, is generally believed, and would be necessary, if it were in bullion, or dust, but it is coined very easily, and the banks in this State, or some of them I know, do not weigh it, either in buying or selling it. It is said, that "gold wears faster than any other metal, and will loose in using, at least, six per cent, annually," but let any person try the experiment, put a quantity of gold and silver into a bag, and throw it on a horse's back if he pleases, and carry it 500 miles, it will be found by weighing it again, that the gold is a little the heavier, the silver having worn the most and adhered to the gold. I may perhaps hereafter, should I have opportunity, say something on banking, Surplus Revenue, &c., but must close my present epistle, by saying, Let the people be alive to their true interests, our State and National elections are at hand. Let our Representatives, Senators, Governor, and President be hard money men, and let banks, if they must exist at all, be the servants of the people, and not their lords.

We are requested to state that the cause of Small Pox said to have recently existed in Norway Village, (and thereby having occasioned considerable alarm in the vicinity) have all proved to be false, and that there is now no cause of alarm upon the subject.

THE DEPOSIT BILL AND BANKS.

We copy from the Globe the two following important articles relative to the Deposit Bill and the Deposit Banks, agreeable to a promise made in our last number. Col. Parks' Speech upon the same question is also given, and to all these articles we would direct special attention.

The deposit bill has been approved by the President. The most important feature in this act is that which makes the several States the depositories of all the public moneys which may be in the Treasury on the first of January next, over the sum of five millions of dollars, on their passing laws, pledging the faith of the States respectively to pay the warrants of the Treasury in the manner prescribed. By an amendment introduced by an overwhelming majority of the House of Representatives, all the features of the bill which went to make the proposed transfer of the money to the States a loan or gift, were struck out, and as the act now stands, they are to be mere depositories, like the banks in which the public moneys are now kept.

We hazard nothing in saying that had the bill passed as it went from the Senate, as anxious as the President was to see the public deposits regulated by law, and as painful as it would have been to separate on any subject from many of his most valued friends it would have received his decisive veto. We have been surprised that any one who has read his annual message of 1829, and his veto messages on the Maysville road bill, and Mr. Clay's land bill, would for a moment anticipate any other result.

We are equally warranted in saying that the President has approved the amended bill, not because he thinks it judicious to make the States the depositories of the moneys of the United States, but because the plan is not obnoxious to constitutional objections; because it has been presented by a majority of the peoples representatives, to whom the question of expediency on this subject peculiarly belongs; and because, by settling the question in relation to the public deposits, it disarms faction, and renders it more difficult for the money power to reorganize itself under the charter of a new national bank.

He thinks it impolitic and unsafe to mix up the affairs of the United States with those of the several States, and that the chances of perpetuity for our admirable system of Government are increased in proportion to the clearness with which the lines which separate their several powers, duties and interests, are defined and maintained. It is probable he will take some fitting occasion to make known to his countrymen, in detail, the views he entertains on this vital subject. It is only necessary now that they should know, that in approving the deposit bill he does not intend to countenance, in the least degree, the idea of raising money by the General Government for distribution among the States, thus lessening the responsibility of the State Governments in taxing the people, and at the same time encouraging extravagant expenditures; making the States, instead of independent sovereignties, the mere stipendiaries of the General Government; perverting the power of taxation given in the constitution to purposes never thought of by its framers; corrupting the sources of legislation; tending to consolidation; and ultimately destroying all that is pure and valuable in the structure and administration of our political system.

The President believes that it is bad policy, as well as unconstitutional, to raise money from the people for the purpose of distributing it among the States. He believes that when the revenues of the General Government shall produce more than enough to supply its legitimate wants, it is the duty of Congress forthwith to reduce the taxes upon the people. To collect for the purposes of distribution, is neither politic nor economical. It is not politic, because it necessarily increases the corps of public officers, and consequently the influence of the Government. It is not economical, because the people have to pay the salaries of those who manage the process and guaranty their integrity.—Is it not better that the farmer's dollar should be left in his own pocket, than that it should be taken out by taxes, direct or indirect, and, after

a year's detention, be handed back to him or his State Legislature, with a deduction of twenty cents to pay collectors and clerks who have been employed to take it away and bring it back? The same principles apply to all classes of society and to society itself, with the exception of those only who profit by high taxes. Such, we are warranted in saying, are the views of the President in relation to this interesting subject.

DEPOSIT BANKS. We consider it a favorable circumstance for the administration, and especially the Treasury Department, that the recent bill, regulating the deposit banks, though very imperfect and objectionable in some of its features, and highly questionable in its policy in regard to its probable effects on the community at large, has become a law.

1. The wanton misrepresentations, assuming that the surplus money was hoarded or locked up from circulation, must now cease.

2. The opposition calumny, asserting that the surplus under the control of the administration was diverted into the channels of political corruption, will no longer have so much as "the baselard fabric of a vision" to rest on.

3. The state slang, that the deposit banks are selected without legal authority; changeable for mere party purposes; dependent on the caprice or favor of the Executive, can no more be repeated at the corner of every stock-jobbing street, and from every Federal house-top.

4. The enormous and alarming phantom of the domination of the Chief Magistrate and the Secretary of the Treasury over the purse at least, if not the sword—the horrible dangers to our liberties from the safe keeping and prompt disbursement of the public money, as Congress from time to time direct, have disappeared with the other Gorgons hydra, and chimeras dire, of a profligate opposition.

5. The groundless charges, that political favorites of the administration were using the public money without performing adequate public services or paying any interest in return, and that the friends of General Jackson were fattening on the spoils, must now vanish.

6. The people—the real people—not combinations of speculating politicians and selfish corporations, will now see whether their substantial interests are made any more secure, and the great institutions and objects of the General Government any better promoted, and the harmonious action of the States will in any degree be strengthened or advanced, by the new, and we fear hazardous experiment, in our political system, which is attempted by the temporary disposal of the surplus.

We will assuredly hope the best results from it to the country as well as the administration will strive to promote them; but we dread the worst from the struggle which will be made to convert the deposit into a distribution bill.—We will labor to defeat all innovation upon the present happy relation between the Federal and State Governments—to maintain the equilibrium founded on their concurrent taxing power, and independent Treasuries—and to suppress the introduction of any new principle which may tend to make the legislation of Congress a legislation for the States, as departments of a consolidated Government, instead of sovereigns competent to provide for their own wants, so far as concerns a provision for their internal interest.

REMARKS OF MR. PARKS, OF MAINE.

In the House of Representatives, June 22, 1836.
On the bill regulating the deposits, a part of which provides for the distribution of the public money among the States, and on the amendment of the same providing that the State Treasuries should be the depositories of the public money.

MR. SPEAKER: I am well aware of the determination of this House to pass the bill now before us, of its anxiety to do so immediately, and its unwillingness to listen to any remarks upon the subject. But, sir, as I intend to vote against this bill whether amended as proposed or not, it is a duty I owe to myself as well as to my constituents to give, in a very succinct manner, some of the reasons which impel me to do so. I am well aware, sir, that I have no right to expect the attention of this House, indisposed as it is to listen to gentlemen far more able than myself, from any power of argument that I can offer, or from ingenuity of arrangement, or for any eloquence of manner which I can enforce them; I can only hope for it, sir, from that kind courtesy which this House is ever willing to extend to one who seldom obtrudes his views upon them, and never long.

And, sir, in the first place, I beg leave to extend my thanks to the honorable gentleman from Ohio (Mr. Vinton) for the frankness with which he has spoken of this bill by what I conceive ought to be its title. In his remarks he here understands it, "as a donation to the States." That it is so in truth and reality, is one of the reasons why I shall vote against it.

Sir, I deny the right of this Federal Government to raise money from the people, either by taxation or otherwise, to be distributed among and given to the several States of this Union. I ask any one to lay his hand on the constitution, and point out this power—you will look in vain for it. Sir, it is not in the book, nor do I know that any one pretends that it exists.—Gentlemen say, however, that by the operation of this bill and the amendment about to be adopted, no such thing as a donation to the States takes place, but that the treasuries of the several States are merely made depositories for the safe-keeping of the public moneys, in the same manner that certain local banks now are,—

This, sir, would be true, provided it was intended or expected that the treasuries of the several States should ever be called upon to repay this money. Sir, every one within the hearing of my voice, knows that such is not the expectation of a single member of this House who will vote for the bill, however different the final result may be. Do we not all know, if the present feeling of this House should be transmitted to future Congresses, that the first movement of the Secretary of the Treasury to call back a single cent of this misallotted deposit, would be prohibited by a large majority of both Houses of Congress? Can any man doubt that this would be the result? Let us, sir, look to the days of the confederation, and remember with what difficulty money sufficient to support the Government of the then existing Congress was obtained from the States. When the requisitions were made, some would complain that their share of the general fund to be raised was too much; others would plead poverty, and agree to pay a part; others asked for time, and some, I believe, refused to pay at any rate. I any part of her coast or rivers, but might be laid in ashes by the very smallest vessel of war that floats on the ocean. She seems to have been accepted as a member of the Union but by a line of one hundred and thirty miles in extent, while we have a frontier on the British provinces of Lower Canada and New Brunswick, and on the ocean, of more than a thousand miles. As a member of the Union, thus remotely situated, and dangerously exposed, and thinly populated, but with more good harbors than in any State of the Union, I might almost say than in the whole Union besides, it might naturally have been expected that she would have been most especially the subject of the protection and regard of General Government. How has it been? 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SEMINOLES AND MAROONS.—The war in which the Seminoles have baffled our most renowned Generals resembles the warfare waged for half a century between the Maroons in Jamaica and the British army and government.

When the Spaniards in 1654 surrendered Jamaica, they possessed 1500 African slaves. These slaves retreated to the mountains, and thence by frequent excursions harassed the British settlements. They were called Maroons, and were augmented by natural increase and reinforced by fugitive slaves. The British passed forty-four laws, and spent \$1,000,000 for their suppression. In 1730 they became so formidable under Cudjoe, a leader as able and sagacious as Oseola, that two regiments of regular troops were employed, with other hired parties, and the whole body of militia to reduce the Maroons. Every barracks was furnished with a pack of dogs by the churchwardens of the parish, to guard against surprise and to trace the lurking foe. This ruinous and harassing contest was followed by a pacification in 1738. But in 1795 the Maroons again appeared in arms and threw the colony into consternation. Their headquarters were established in a valley or dell, surrounded by steep precipices and broken rocks, and by mountains of prodigious height, in caverns of which they secreted their women and children and deposited their ammunition. From this retreat, almost inaccessible to all but themselves, they sent out small parties of their most daring and enterprising warriors to prey about the country in search of provisions, and others to set fire by night to unguarded houses and plantations. The whites, who fell into their hands, were murdered in cold blood, without distinction of age or sex. The British Generals Walpole and Earl of Balcarres and their troops were worn down by fatigues and hardships, from the nature of the climate and country. The valley could be approached only by one path down a steep rock, 150 feet in almost perpendicular descent. The Maroons, habituated to use their naked feet in climbing trees and rocky precipices, had acquired a dexterous agility, which to the British troops was astonishing and utterly unimitable. The caverns of the Maroons, however, were utterly destitute of springs of water, and the rains furnished only scanty and temporary supplies. When these were exhausted, they for a time slackened their burning thirst on the wild pine, which renders the rocky and sterile deserts on the torrid zone in some measure habitable. But even this resource failed, and their sufferings for want of food and water were excessive. In December, 1795, forty chasseurs from Havana, with about a hundred *spanish dogs*, arrived at Montego Bay. Such extraordinary accounts were immediately circulated of the terrific appearance and savage nature of these ferocious dogs, that the manhood and courage of the negroes was shaken, and they sued for peace, and surrendered.—*Salem Gaz.*

"The Bigger fool the better luck."

I have seen persons merely by noise and flattery, lead the conversation in companies where there was taste, talent and learning though they possessed neither of the three.

I have known lawyers to gain their causes, by impudence and vociferation, when neither themselves nor the jury knew precisely their drift.

I have frequently seen men take their seats in the legislature, because they begged suffrages, and gave away whiskey while those who disdained to stoop to such measures, were left at home.

I have seen a brainless fop marry a fine girl, and break her heart before the end of the first year though her hand had been solicited in vain by the wealthy the wise, and the honorable.

I have seen stupid creatures, who scarcely knew the top of a tobacco bill from the bottom, plod on and get rich while men of real intellect and industry, have pined in poverty.

Did you never see a part or all of these things? If you did not congratulate you on your prospects of good luck; for you possess the qualities to which it is promised by the adage.

View of the Field of Waterloo after the Battle.—The only ally to the universal rapture which prevailed, was the number of the wounded. The houses were insufficient to contain half; and the churches and public buildings were littered down with straw for their reception. The body of the Duke of Brunswick was brought to the quarters he had lately occupied. I was powerfully affected when I saw the corpse of one, so lately blooming with youth and health, but my eyes soon became accustomed to horrors.

On Monday morning, June 19th, I hastened to the field of battle; I was compelled to go through the forest, for the road was so completely choked up as to be impassable.

The dead required no help; but thousands of wounded who could not help themselves, were in want of every thing; features swollen by the sun and rain, looked lived and bloated. One poor fellow had a ghastly wound across his lower lip, which gaped wide, and showed his teeth and gums as though a second and unnatural mouth had opened below his first. Another, quite blind from a gash across his eyes sat upright, gasping for breath, and murmuring "De Peau!" The anxiety for water was indeed most distressing. The Germans, "Wasser, wasser!" and the French, "De Peau, de Peau!" still sounding in my ears; I am convinced that hundreds must have perished from thirst alone, and they had no hope of assistance, for even humane persons were afraid of approaching the scene of blood, lest they should be taken in requisition to bury the dead; almost every person

who came near, being pressed into that disgusting and painful service.

The general burying was truly horrible; large square holes were dug about six feet deep, and thirty or forty fine young fellows, stripped to the skin, were thrown into each pell mell, and then covered over in so slovenly a manner, that sometimes a hand or a foot peeped through the earth.

One of these holes was preparing as I passed, and the followers of the army were stripping the bodies before throwing them into it, while some Russian Jews were assisting in the spoliation of the dead by chiselling out their teeth in an operation which they performed with the most brutal indifference. Hundreds of fine horses were galloping over the plain, kicking and plunging, apparently mad with pain, while the poor wretches who saw them coming and could not get out of their way, shrieked in agony, and tried to shriek or escape from them in vain.

Soon after I saw an immense horse, (one of the Scotch Grays) dash towards a Colonel of the Imperial Guards, who had his leg shattered; the horse was frightfully wounded, and a part of a broken lance still rankled in one of its wounds. It rushed, snorting & plunging past the Frenchman, and I shall never forget his piercing cry, as it approached. I fled instantly to the spot, but ere I reached it the man was dead; for though I do not think the horse had touched him, the terror he felt had been too much for his exhausted frame.

Sickened with the immense heaps of slain which spread in all directions, as far as the eye could reach, I was preparing to return, when, as I was striding over the dead and dying, and meditating on the horrors of war, my attention was attracted by a young man, who was lying on his back, apparently at the last gasp. Some open letters were lying around, and one was very crumpled in his hand as though he had been reading it to the last moment. My eye fell upon the words, "My dear son," in a female hand.

Reader, how many such ties, think you, were torn asunder on that field of blood!—Husbands, fathers, sons—but I forbear!

Rats and Boa Constrictor. Many of the inhabitants of Para are said to keep boa-snakes in their houses for the purpose of destroying the rats. In the warehouse belonging to Mr. Smith, the American Consul, we saw a very large one, which was between fifteen and eighteen feet long: he said it was perfectly tame, and that he never supplied it with any food, and as it never did any mischief he supposed it caught a sufficient quantity of rats for its support. When we saw it, it was partly coiled round a cross-beam fixed to two uprights, which had been placed here for its use. It had lately cast its slough, and the brilliancy of its colors was inconceivably vivid.

Consumption!

DR. RELFE'S ASTHMATIC PILLS. I HAVE, from their extraordinary success in giving instant relief, and in curing Coughs, Asthma, Difficulty of Breathing, Tightness of the Chest, Pain the Side, Spasmodic Cough, and all the various symptoms of Asthma and Lung Complaints, become one of the most popular medicines known, and are sought after from every part of the country, in answer to the astonishing success which has attended the administration of the above pills, which at once relieve the most unexpected relief, after every other remedy has failed, and persons have given themselves up in despair of a cure. They have been known to cure persons supposed to be incurable in consumption, and exhibiting all the appearance of approaching dissolution.

And such have been the salutary effects of these Pills, even in hopeless cases, as to far mitigate the sufferings of the patient, as to enable him to live for days and weeks, and give him a positive comfort he never expected to enjoy.

The operation of the pills is to loosen the mucus in the lungs, and to induce a copious and healthy secretion of mucus, and to soothe the inflamed membrane, and to remove the phlegm, and to restore the system to its natural state.

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THE splendid patronage awarded to the Philadelphia Saturday Mirror, induces the editors to commence the publication, under the above title, of a quarto edition of their popular journal, so long known as the largest Family Newspaper in the United States, with a list of new TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND SUBSCRIBERS. The new feature recently introduced of furnishing their readers with new books of the best literature of the day, having proved so eminently successful, the plan will be continued. Six volumes of the celebrated writings of Capt. Murray, and sixty-five of Mr. Brooks valuable Letters from Europe, have already been published, without interfering with its news and miscellaneous reading. The Mirror is the largest and cheapest family newspaper ever issued in this country, containing articles in Literature, Science, and Art, and a large and interesting variety of topics usually introduced into a public journal. Giving full accounts of sales, markets, and news of the latest dates.

It is published at the low price of \$2. For this small sum subscribers get valuable and entertaining matter each week enough to fill a column of 200 pages, and equal to 52 volumes a year, and which is estimated to be read, weekly, by at least two hundred thousand people, scattered in all parts of the country, from Maine to Florida, and from the sea board to the lakes.

The paper has now been so long established as to render it too well known to need a long list of names to prove its popularity. The publishers, therefore, will do no more than refer to the two leading daily political papers of opposite politics.—The Pennsylvania Mirror.—The Saturday Mirror is the largest and one of the best family newspapers in the country; the other, the Philadelphia Mirror, is the largest and one of the best family newspapers in the country.

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